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The House Leaders.

Although not yet formally designated, Mr. Mann will lead the minority in the next House, and have many more men at his back than he has had in the present House. Some of them will be new to congression al life, but others will be veterans returned after a period of rest imposed by the fortunes of politics.

The most eminent of the latter class is Mr. Cannon, who, being a good man, cannot be kept down. In health and full of fight, the former Speaker is coming back to help put his party into shape for next year, and will be of great assistance to Mr. Mann. They are in agreement about measures, and as experienced laborers in the republican field should, working together, harvest a good crop. Both are familiar with the implements they will handle.

Mr. Mann has been confronting Mr. Underwood. He will now confront Mr. Kitchin-a man of different temperament. A suave, unemotional majority leader gives place to a man direct and oratorical, and warm" under pressure. There may be more work for Mr. Mann in the

casional suggestions from a source democrats are rousing to the importance of Mr. Clark. They will not invest him with the power that should be his as Speaker, but they legislator. The President is begin- training. ning to confer with him. The caucus the other night obeyed him. Thus will the interest be increased.

ened by Mr. Cannon, Mr. Kitchin's will be strengthened by Mr. Clark. The experience of a former Speaker that of the existing Speaker to the

The two leaders will work the the future. Mr. Mann is mentioned to face with the problem of making for the presidency and also for the a living, but without knowing how vice presidency, while Mr. Kitchin is to perform any specific service of Underwood made the House leader- fusion of square pegs getting into thing." ship a stepping stone to the Senate Mr. Kitchin, it is suggested, may try to repeat the performance.

Undoubtedly, there will be something doing in the next House. The prediction is made, indeed, that there will not be a dull moment at the first session.

Saving the Birds.

It has been announced in the new columns of The Star that by executive order two arms of land extending from the north shore of the state of Washington into the strait of Juan de Fuca have been set apart for the use of the Department of Agriculture as refuges, preserves and breeding grounds for native birds. In these government retreats for the feathered friends of men it will be unlawful to hunt, kill or disturb the birds or molest their eggs except under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Evidences of man's appreciation of the rights of bird life and of the benefit that form of life confers upon men are multiplying. The nation, a number of the states and numerous organizations of men and women are ulated communities, he was a gentleengaged in the work of saving birds. The reckless indifference to birds and the wanton waste of bird life have finally awakened intelligent men to City is occupied by military ought to agance." an interest in the wise uses of birds in the economy of the world

The regard for the influence of America's neutral flag is at present so

The war zone is an imaginary line which threatens to become almost as

Gov. Beckham and the Senate. Six years ago, as was recalled in the Senate Thursday, Gov. Beckham of Kentucky was defeated before a democratic legislature after securing that they had ever heard the name instructions at a primary election Waldteufel, a French composer with for the office of United States sena- a Teutonic name. The heroes and the tor. The transaction aroused a great favorites of one generation are often deal of bitterness in the state, and forgotten by the succeeding generacaused the political ostracism of the men who bolted the nomination. They were not of special promioccupied and the limited influence they had exercised.

result calmly, took up the practice of

portunity would rebuke his enemies and bestow the coveted honor upon His confidence last year was jus-

tified. He offered for the place again, and, after a hot primary campaign, defeated his democratic opponent for the nomination, and then, ago no soiree, hop or ball in Washafter a comparatively easy campaign, defeated his republican opponent at the regular election. His waltz king. One can scarcely pick term begins March 4.

But trouble threatens Gov. Beckamong the states where it is charg- compositions by Emile Waldteufel. ed, irregularities occurred in last year's senatorial campaigns and elections, and an investigation has been proposed. The matter may be toward the improvement of the pub taken up when the new Congress meets.

At this same election Mr. Camden, tho will leave the Senate as Gov. Beckham enters, was chosen to fill the unexpired term of the late Mr. Bradley. No objection was made to nim, nor until now had any doubt been cast on the regularity of the be utilized to the full. The comictory in which he shared.

If the proposed investigation is nade, and the disclosures should prove embarrassing to the Blue Grass democracy, the result would probably affect the state campaign scheduled for this year. A full state ticket is to be elected; and while the democrats have the advantage of being in power, they are not so strongly intrenched as to make an investigation of last year's senatorial nominations unimportant to them.

The republicans, who had gained control of the state through democratic divisions and weaknesses, lost control several years ago for similar the inner parks because of its accauses applying to themselves; and in 1912 the split caused by the bull moose movement gave the state to Wilson and Marshall by an enormous vote. Recently, however, there, as elsewhere, bull moosery has capital and its environs. shown a heavy decline; and if the republicans reappear in their old form next fall Kentucky will be strongly contested by them, even as against the best possible democratic The incident threatens to complicate ominations.

Vocational Training.

Vocational training is a matter which claims the attention of presnext than there has been in the ent day educators and looms large in the scheme of education which Moreover, there seems reason to aims at practical efficiency. It is believe, the majority side of the vital to the national interests that chamber will be strengthened by oc- youths be set in the way of making for themselves a place in the world. too much and too long neglected. The At a meeting of the District branch of the Congress of Mothers that organization emphasized its belief in vocational education in the public show a disposition to profit by his courage the board of education in wide knowledge as politician and its work of laying out plans for such

one, and its application has been car- the discussion of appropriations. ried to success in the state or pub-As Mr. Mann's staff will be strength- lic schools of Europe, and where the system has been entered upon in public schools of the United States courtesy. it has been productive of encourwill be available to the one side, and aging results. A distressing feature of the age is the countless thousands of young persons turned into the workaday harder because of the prominence of world without skill or competency of their names in the speculation about any particular kind. They come face

cannot find a hole of any kind to without doing anything." get into.

While efficiency is the great demand of the age the world is burdened with inefficiency. A scheme which promises to reduce the ratio of incompetent and indifferent workers and to turn non-workers into workers is one which holds out great promise to the country and its

George W. Perkins continues to be quoted as being a progressive. Mr. Perkins' past performances left no doubt of his being a man with the courage of his convictions; one who could be depended on to apply standpat traditions to modern exigencies.

Recent debate cannot fail to em phasize the impression that this country, whatever may be its preparedness for war, has drifted into a state of unpreparedness for com-

The late Frank James was a desperado, but as compared with the 'gun man" developed in densely popman and a social unlifter

The frequency with which Mexico command liberal railway concessions in the way of excursion rates.

Passing of a Waltz King.

The news of the death of Emile Waldteufel evoked only a passing or an academic interest, or perhaps no interest at all, among the general mass of newspaper readers. The name was unfamiliar to them. Even those persons whose toes and heels tingle to up-to-date dance music, and to whose ears the names and measures of modern composers are well known, very likely could not recall

Waldteufel was born in 1837, and as a young man made an impression on nence, but lost the places they had the world as a master of dance music. The grandmothers and the grandfathers of the young folk of today called him a waltz king. In some day we'll have time disappointed, of course, accepted the many of the homes of Washington before the civil war the gay young people danced to his music. It was

doubt that his party at the first op- merry music then, but very likely it would be classed as languorous today. His waltzes would be thought hopelessly old-fashioned, yet one some times hears his music today and often hears modern music singularly reminiscent of the Waldteufel style. At any rate, a couple of generations ington could be happy or complete without the waltzes of the French up a music book which grandma used as a young lady without seeing nam the second time. Kentucky is among its yellow pages numerous

Meridian Hill Park.

A step is taken here and ther lic land on Meridian hill, and the gratifying information has been announced that plans for the development of Meridian Hill Park have been matured, and that as money is made available these plans will be applied to the ground. The natural advantages of this park site are to manding position of the land makes it readily convertible into one of the imposing residence parks of the country. The plateau section lends itself well to effective landscape gardening and the crest of the hill provides a panorama of the city and farreaching views. The hillside, sloping down to the northern limit of the original Washington, presents picturesque opportunities for treatment. The plans which were described some time ago seem to have called forth the best endeavors of park makers. This park is probably destined to become one of the most popular of cessibility, its vistas, its ornamentation and its size. Large numbers of people will frequent it because from the eminence the eye can look upon one of the greatest of pictures-the

New York has just witnessed as eating contest which was won by a woman who ate twenty-two lobsters the question of what constitutes rea sport with the question of the high cost of living.

The expensive gayeties of the seashore cities and the conditions of industrial communities present New Jersey as a state of strange contrasts.

Mexico's political activities continue to prevent any danger of complications because of efforts to find a foreign market for her products.

neighborhood of Great Britain beschools and passed resolutions to en- cause of the failure of Zeppelin craft to run on schedule.

It feels like good old times to The idea of life training is an old congressman when he can get back to The loan of a flag for a few hours

is now regarded only as a neighborly

A conference may sometimes be regarded as a filibuster with the muffler

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON. Determined Curiosity.

"There's no use of investigating mentioned for the Senate. As Mr. use to society. There is vast con- that official. He hasn't done any-

into square holes and of pegs that tain how he dares draw a salary

Although the law may appear to be drastic in some respects, it is believed that its object of checking the increase of the illicit traffic in habit-forming drugs will justify the inconvenience to which many persons who need the drugs for a legitimate use may be put. Under the Harrison law, druggists and others selling habit-forming drugs must pay a nominal federal tax of \$1. They may obtain the drugs only upon specified forms furnished by the bureau of internal revenue at the Treasury Department, and upon these must write their orders to the wholesaler. A druggist must fill out another form whenever he sells any habit-forming drugs, and this form must be kept on file, subject to government inspection for a period of at least two years. It is believed by persons who for years have advocated the enactment of an antidrug law that the new anti-narcotic law,

But it keeps you interested, if a nibble's all you get.

Somewhere the world is strugglin' in the darkness an' despair,

An' perhaps your turn will come to lend a hand an' do your share.

But we all have a notion that the future is secure, No matter what our feelin's may be

ing. The work is going on in co-opera-

neither the land nor the labor would otherwise be utilized. Think what is means if the lu,000,000 children in the city schools can be interested in this

Uncle Sam believes in encouraging home gardening for town children as a part of the moveHome Gardening ment to check the rise in the cost of living. Through the United States bureau of education, a home gardening survey has been begun under the direction of three specialists who have had much experience with the work and who believe that the 10.000.000 children between the with the work and who believe that the 10,000,000 children between the ages of six and twenty who are enrolled in public and private schools in cities of the United States can be interested in home gardening as a practical step in increasing the nation's food supply.

Dr. C. D. Jarvis, formerly of Cornell University, is the specialist in charge of the government's home gardening survey, and associated with him are cialists in school and home gardenThe work is going on in co-operaThe work is going on in co-operaAlthough the situation is hope

League, whose members are assisting the government experts in gathering information and encouraging the people in urban communities throughout the United States to get behind the longer of the various drugs are at a loss know what will become of them after statute goes into a feet of the market statute goes into a feet of the statute in the situation is hopeful view of the fact that the making of the given of the statute in the situation is hopeful view of the fact that the making of the given of the statute in the situation is hopeful view of the fact that the making of the given of the given of the situation is hopeful view of the fact that the making of the given of t "In most of the cities there are hundreds of acres of land in the form of back yards and vacant lots that might be properly used in the production of vegetables, fruits and flowers. In these same cities there are thousands of boys and girls who, with proper guidance, would be willing to utilize these non-productive lands. Furthermore, the same cities are importing yearly thousands of dollars' worth of vegetables, fruits and flowers that might be raised within their borders, and much of the money that is sent to distant points in payment for these products might be kept at home.

"The important thing to keep in mind about the home garden is its great economic value. Earnings from these gardens represent siles of the service of the s imprisonment of five years, or both, in the discretion of the court. Congress ap-propriated \$150,000 for the purpose of carrying the law into effect.

In a study of the distribution of typhoid fever in the states of Pennsyl-

Statistics of Typhoid Fever. perts of the United States public health ervice have prepared charts and stadisease is most common. The report

in the work and raise an average of only ten dollars' worth of vegetables a year, there is an increase of \$50,000,000 in food supplies and the saving of this amount of money to the inhabitants of the cities. Ten dollars is a low average, however, for the yield of a home garden, for the value of the products of many children is from \$50 to \$100 in a single season."

Commissioner P. P. Claxton of the bureau of education believes that one of the chief values of the school garden, outside of the large amount of agricultural wealth which can be produced by the children working under intelligent direction, will be that the gardens will supply a need of sultable, educative, purposeful and productive occupation for millions of school children, who, in the cities, towns, manufacturing villages and suburban districts now have no particular employment out of school hours.

The federal commissioner of educa.

The statistics which have been compiled show that the percentage was highest in the age group of fifteen to nineteen years, while in Michigan and Minnesota the percentage of cases continued to increase after this age and suburban districts now have no particular employment out of school hours.

it shows that parents must be very careful with children between the ages of five and twenty-five years, because it is during this period that a person is most likely to contract the disease.

The federal commissioner of education believes that the dangers of idleness and unsuitable occupation for children can be cut down greatly if cities through the United States take up the home and vacant lot gardening idea as intelligently as have the cities of Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Detroit, Portland (Ore.) and Cleveland. Dr. Claxton suggests that the vegetables, berries and fruits grown on the home gardens should be used first as food for the children and their families; then the surplus should be marketed to the best advantage. Speaking of the utilization of the back yards and vacant lots for gardens for the children, The interest of officials and employes Pensioning of City Employes. out of the pension system of the New cant lots for gardens for the children, Dr. Claxton says:

"At this early stage of the movement it is difficult to estimate all the results of the home garden plan. For the children it will mean health, strength, joy in work, habits of industry, an understanding of the value of money as measured in terms of labor, and such knowledge of the phenomena and forces of nature as must be had school lessons. They will also learn something at least of the fundamental principles of morality; that every men and woman must make his or her own lives and health are risked in the line of duty to a somewhat greater degree. City health officials will be interested in the report on the pension fund of the head, hand or heart, contribute to the common wealth as much as he or she takes from it."

Dr. Jarvis is now furnishing information to hundreds of school officials which has been put up as a model, is of popular sentiment, resulting from four years' tremendous conflict. Neither not found to be working well. The

she takes from it."

Tet's investigate him and ascertain how he dares draw a salary without doing anything."

"De man dat ain' got nuffin' in particilar to say," said Uncle Eben, "is ginerally allowed to do a heap of talkin' cause he ain' so liable to give offense."

Friends in Need.

A friend in need Is one indeed; The motto's old and true. Some fade away When they can say, "I have no need of you."

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"Here is a book that ought to be in every home," said the persuasive agent.

A Reckless Sentiment.

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RAYMOND W. PULLMAN.

NEUTRALITY AND THE NOTES.

From the New York World.

The German reply to the American note is a paraphrase and amplification of the original war-zone proclamation. From the New York Tribune.

The situation is a delicate one, and the administration should, and doubt-less will, deal with it in the most care-ful fashion. Germany's reply to this government's protest against certain implications of the "war zone" order is more conciliatory in form than in substance.

From the Springfield Republican.

It is to be hoped that they won't torpedo our merchant marine, for we're just a bit proud of that tug.

WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING FIFTY YEARS AGO

With the approach of spring fifty years ago the feeling prevalled more generally throughout the north that the rebellion was nearly at an end. From various sources came indications that throughout the south this same feeling, however it might be concealed, was prevalent. In The Star of February 15, 1865, is the following:

"The recent movement in exchange of prisoners has developed an important fact, showing the downward tendency of rebel feeling in a most significant results in the sum of prisoners has developed an important fact, showing the downward tendency of rebel feeling in a most significant results and help drive the Eng-

principal depots, and it was ascertained that out of 1,882 prisoners only 366 were willing to be exchanged. The remainder do not wish to go south as prisoners of exchange, and they do not even stipulate, as a condition, an immediate discharge. They prefer to remain in prison to going south, and are willing to wait the pleasure of the condent of the

we are inclined to doubt the authenticity of the entire dispatch. On the other hand, a dispatch dated containing prison to going south, and are willing to wait the pleasure of the government as to the time of their dispatch. On the other hand, a dispatch dated containing to wait the pleasure of the government as to the time of their dispatch. On the other hand, a dispatch dated containing the willing to wait the pleasure of the government as to the time of their dispatch. On the other hand, a dispatch dated containing the process of the relation of the church and state in Italy with the question of the relation of the church and state in Italy with the question of the relation of the church and state in Italy with the question of the relation of the church and state in Italy with the question of the participate in the would mobilize her army within a fort-night, and that unless the Italian government, decided to participate in the war there would be a revolution. A dispatch form Milan of same date an nounced that the Italian government, acting upon reports that Austria was about to invade Roumania, had asked the refusal of the exequator. Such their archishop without the assert he government and Berlin for assurances that no attack on Roumanded that the Pope send their archishop without the assert he government and Berlin for assurances that no attack on Roumanded that the pope such and and serious discussions arose in charled the relation of the church and state in Italy with the question of that Italy would mobilize her army within a fort-night, and that unless the Italian government, and the refusal of the evenuator. Such their archishop without the assert he provisional and state in Italy with the question of the their state in Italy with the question of the table and state in Italy with the question of the table and serious discussions arose in the provisions arose in the provisions existing batter in Italian and serious discussions arose in the provisions arose in the provisions arose in the provisions exi will be received by the people of the north with a hearty welcome—only re-moving the cause of the trouble, that

Desertions from the southern army continued to be reported in increasing numbers. In The Star of February 16, 1865, is Desertion. a paragraph stating that forty-eight deserters

legiance, were released and furnished live on condition that they may not go beyond certain limits, for then it would be too advantageous for the riches and national securities of Italy the next day is a paragraph based on information just received from the Army of the Potomac, including the

"Desertions from the rebel army have "Descritions from the federal shall been quite numerous for some nights, increase after this age and set during the five-year period (wenty and twenty-four years, estates the number of cases after the direached the age of twenty-proper gradually until old age."

"Descritions from the federal shall been quite numerous for some nights, no less than twenty-five coming within our lines Wednesday morning. They present the usual appearance, dirty, ragged and hungry, their first question most always being, "Where can we get rations?"

> In The Star of February 16, 1865, is given the text of an editorial from the Mobile Advertiser of a short time before, indicating that a spirit of Editorial. discouragement was preading throughout the south:

> "We do not attempt to disguise the the people-perhaps upon a fair poll a

de thoughts of independence and existing from the change is wonderful revolution of popular sentiment, realting from of popular sentiment, realting from the leating sentiment and the leating sentiment of the Germans who left for popular sentiment, realting from the leating sentiment of the Germans who left for popular sentiment, real that the senting set of the Germans who left for popular sentiment, realting from the leating sentiment and the present construction of popular sentiment and the senting set of the Germans who left for senting sentiment and the senting set of the Germans who left for senting sentiment and the senting set of the Germans who left for senting "Here is a book that ought to be a garnt."

"What's it about?" inquired Farmer Ornossel.

"Tolitical economy."

"It oughtn't to be encouraged and the present basis of the proposition so much that it doesn't look like we'd get any chance at government money out this way. What I want to see is somethin that'll whoop it up for looking direct, and in ocase exception must be refilled.

"Confidence.

The news is most discouragin' at Posticant."

The news is most discouragin' at Posticant. The present the sumight seems to sparkle with a soft, peculiar gleam. The brids come sweetly singin' to the ourse, is might y and the traffic of the hours that drift away, and the site of the first one savery single of the first of the hours that drift away, and the site of the first of the hours that drift away, and the site of the first of the hours that drift away, and the first own which your hope is set, and in the case of the first of the hours that drift away, and the site of the first own which your hope is set, and in the first of the first own which your hope is set, and in the case of the first own which your hope is set, and the site of the first own which your hope is set, and the site of the first own which your hope is set, and the site of the first own which your hope is set, and the site of the first own which your hope is set, and the some some than the new anti-narcoit law, and the present the contains any constant of the site of the contains any constant of the contains an

When she would board a trolley car Without the help of me Without the help of me She found the step was much too far And hopped up like a fea.

When now her walks abroad she takes In skirts no longer tight Her strides are of the sort that makes Me trot to keep in sight.

Should she capsize she'd quickly right Like that self-righting thing The clown who does for our delight His flipflops in the ring.

And when the trolley cars she halts Her skirts are so aloof One would not marvel should her vanits Negotiate the roof. At any rate, this war has done won-ders in the way of popularising the American flag.

ITALY AND INTERVENTION,

many. Due to that method, German

nad captured commercial supremacy i

"The majority of Italians," continued

Signor Preziosi, "believe that the enor-

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manization facilitated by German im-

migrants whom the mother country liberates from all civil and military

Italy.

Cavale, a young The Intervention man Movement. tion, created XIII in his last consistory. Mgr. Gacharitable character of the new bishor has caused him to be specially loved by the people and the clergy. journals of all opinions applaud the

The Pope designated for Archbishe

Pope and welcome this nomination as Germans with Germany is useful to specially grateful to the people and country. migrants whom the mother country liberates from all civil and military obligations on condition that they cooperate with the diffusion of German commerce. Everywhere in Italy Germans occupy important positions in the councils of administration of banks and of industries.

It is charged, likewise, that the Banca Commerciale, obedient to the inspiration of its council, has put its hand on special industries, such as the manufacture of arms and munitions, and that economical endertakings are favored by the immigration of great numbers of Germans who are inscribed as residents and who have married in Italy. Many students found their way to German universities and often returned married. That infiltration in the formation of a public opinion in Italy was certain to bear fruit.

In support of that situation an official publication gave a list of foreigners domiciled in the peninsula during the war; whilst there are but 3,000 Germans in Lomberdo-Venitia and it lightly in the country.

Apropos of a dispatch dated Rome, the loth instant, announcing the resignant of the Vatican, there is insinuation

official publication gave a list of foreigners domiciled in the peninsula during the war; whilst there are but 3,000
English and 4,000 French, there are
30,000 Germans in Lombardo-Venitia
and in Liguria. Another fact noted by
the Italian statistician is that a great
part of the Germans who left for
Germany after the declaration of war
are now returned to Italy to reoccupy

WITS' QUIPS AND THE WAR.

The voting of the war loans is easy enough, but 'twill be another story when the time for payment comes. Realizing that nowadays it takes a

From the Toledo Blade.

Sometimes we feel as if we didn't care whether we ever speak to Europe again.

From the Bridgeport Telegram.

It saddens us to read of 140 surgeons being killed in battle, but at the same time we feel a bit safer in the appendix. From the Milwaukee Journa pretty big earthquake to shake the war, If we remember right, it was about news off the front page Mt. Lassen has given up in despair.

If we remember right, it was about 1812 to 1814 that the Stars and Stripes were last raised over British ships.

From the Knoxville Journal and Tribune.

From the Dayton News.

"French socialists have declared for war." reads a headline. Anybody clse in Europe that hasn't?

law, and bided his time. He did not people danced to his music. It was

complimentary as to be embarrassing.

Gov. Beckham, although greatly

lengthy as the equator itself.